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E.O. 11652: GDS

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WRAPUP - SEP 14 18:00

1. DOWNTOWN SANTIAGO PRESENTED INCONGRUOUS AIR THIS PM AS STROLLERS BOUGHT FLAGS FROM SIDEWALK VENDORS AND GAWKED AT THE MONEDA WHILE ONLY A FEW BLOCKS AWAY MILITARY TRIED TO CLEAR OUT NESTS OF SNIPERS. SOME FIRING STILL GOING ON.

2. REST OF SANTIAGO GENERALLY CALM WITH MILITARY AND POLICE PERFORMING NUMEROUS HOUSE AND VEHICLE SEARCHES. MERCURIO SOURCE TOLD USIS OFFICER THAT MILITARY BELIEVES IT HAS ESTABLISHED FIRM CONTROL OVER ALL SECTIONS OF SANTIAGO EXCEPT NUEVO HABANA AREA WHERE ARMED RESIDENTS REPORTEDLY OFFERING HEAVY RESISTANCE BEHIND SCREEN OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN. SOURCE STATES THAT MILITARY CONTEMPLATING USING AIRPLANES AND HELICOPTERS AGAINST RESISTING ELEMENTS THERE.

3. ROADS LEADING INTO SANTIAGO STILL HEAVILY PATROLLED WITH NUMEROUS MILITARY AND POLICE CHECKPOINTS. HOWEVER, SITUATION
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IN TOWNS LEADING INTO SANTIAGO APPEARS NEAR NORMAL WITH

RESIDENTS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF NON-CURFEW HOURS TO FORM LONG LINES IN FRONT OF BAKERIES AND FOOD STORES.

4. UP SUPPORTERS HAVE APPARENTLY HOLED UP AT ANDINA MINE (FORMERLY OWNED BY CERRO) ABOUT FIFTY MILES FROM SANTIAGO AND ARE STILL FIGHTING MILITARY. EMBOFF PASSING NEAR SCENE TOLD BY ARMY OFFICER AT MIDDAY TODAY THAT HIS FORCES THERE HAD "LOST MANY MEN" TO SNIPERS AND THAT AIR FORCE CONTEMPLATING AERIAL ATTACK ON MINE LATER IN SAME DAY. EACH HELICOPTER HOVERING NEARBY.

5. ACCORDING TO ONE EMBASSY SOURCE CARLOS ALTAMIRANO WAS KILLED IN AUTOMOBILE BOMB BLAST SHORTLY AFTER LEAVING SWEDISH EMBASSY WHERE HE HAD INITIALLY SOUGHT ASYLUM. THIS REPORT IS UNCONFIRMED. SWEDISH EMBOFF DID, HOWEVER, REPORT TODAY THAT ALTHOUGH CUBAN AMB GARCIA AND ANOTHER CUBAN HAD BEEN WOUNDED WHEN MILITARY SURROUNDED CUBAN EMBASSY EVENING SEPT 11 NO RPT NO CUBANS ACTUALLY DIED IN THE ENCOUNTER. SAME INDIVIDUAL STATED THAT MILITARY JUNTA HAS PLEDGED IT WILL RESPECT CUBAN PROPERTY LEFT IN SWEDES' CARE AND AS YET HAVE NOT SEARCHED CUBAN EMBASSY OR OTHER FORMERLY CUBAN-OCCUPIED BUILDINGS.

6. CARLOS PRATS APPEARED ON CATHOLIC U.'S TV 13 LATE AFTERNOON TO REAFFIRM THAT HE HAS TAKEN NO PART IN THE CHILEAN DOMESTIC SCENE SINCE HIS RESIGNATION AS MINDEF, THAT HE INTENDS TO RESIGN FROM THE ARMY AND THAT HE HAS BEEN GIVEN PERMISSION BY THE MILITARY JUNTA TO LEAVE CHILE WHICH HE WILL DO SHORTLY.
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